

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE
WESTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI
ST. JOSEPH DIVISION**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

vs.

JAMES MICHAEL WATTS,

Defendant.

Case No. 15-06008-01-CR-SJ-GAF

ORDER

On July 7, 2016, Defendant appeared before Chief United States Magistrate Judge Sarah W. Hays pursuant to Fed.R.Crim.P. 11, Local Rule 72.1(j)(27), and 28 U.S.C. § 636 and entered a plea of guilty pursuant to Fed.R.Crim.P. 11(c)(1)(B) to Count One of the Indictment. The Defendant also admitted the allegations of forfeiture, which include a money judgment to be entered against the Defendant, as contained in the Indictment. On July 14, 2016, Judge Hays issued her Report and Recommendation (doc. 210). Objections were due on or before August 1, 2016. No objections were filed.

Upon careful and independent review, this Court finds that defendant's plea was knowledgeable and voluntary and that the offense charged is supported by an independent basis in fact containing each of the essential elements of such offense. Accordingly, this Court hereby adopts and incorporates as its own Opinion and Order the Report and Recommendation of Chief United States Magistrate Judge Sarah W. Hays.

Accordingly, it is hereby ORDERED that defendant's plea of guilty is accepted and defendant is adjudged guilty. The defendant's sentencing hearing will be scheduled and the parties notified of the date and time of sentencing.

SO ORDERED.

s/ Gary A. Fenner
GARY A. FENNER, JUDGE
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

DATED: August 2, 2016